

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 15 and 32 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 31, 33, 34, 35, and 36, as follows:

1 - 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) An image supply device used in a recording system in which the image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, wherein the recording apparatus ~~preferentially processes~~ gives priority to processing a command received from the image supply device even if the recording apparatus waits for a response from the image supply device, the image supply device comprising:

command issuing means for issuing a predetermined command to the recording apparatus;

reception means for receiving a signal from the recording apparatus after said command issuing means issues the predetermined command;

determination means for determining whether or not the signal received by said reception means is a response to the predetermined command, in a case that said reception means receives the signal while waiting for the response to the predetermined command issued by said command issuing means; and

control means for discarding the signal and for ~~controlling an issuing timing~~ inhibiting issuance, for a predetermined time period, of a next command following the predetermined command to the recording apparatus while waiting for the response to the

predetermined command, in a case where said determination means determines that the signal is not the response to the predetermined command.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The image supply device according to claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

17. (Currently Amended) The image supply device according to claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time said determination means determines that said reception means receives the command other than the response prior to a reception of the response.

18. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus used in a recording system in which an image supply device and the recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, wherein the image supply device discards a signal received other than a response from the recording apparatus while waiting for the response from the recording apparatus, the recording apparatus comprising:

command issuing means for issuing a predetermined command to the image supply device;

reception means for receiving a signal from the image supply device after said command issuing means issues the predetermined command;

determination means for determining whether or not the signal received by said reception means is a command other than a response to the predetermined command, in a

case that said reception means receives the signal while waiting for the response to the predetermined command issued by said command issuing means; and

control means for ~~preferentially~~ giving priority to processing the command received from the image supply device, sending a response to the command to the image supply device after completion of the processing of the command, and controlling ~~an issuing~~ a timing of reissuing the predetermined command to the image supply device after sending of the response to the command, in a case where said determination means determines that the signal is the command other than the response.

19. (Currently Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said control means delays the ~~issuing~~ timing of reissuing the ~~next predetermined~~ command by a predetermined time period.

20. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

21. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time said determination means determines that said reception means receives the command other than the response prior to a reception of the response.

22 - 30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) A control method of an image supply device used in a recording system in which the image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the

image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, wherein the recording apparatus ~~preferentially processes~~ gives priority to processing a command received from the image supply device even if the recording apparatus waits for a response from the image supply device, the method comprising:

a command issuing step of issuing a predetermined command to the recording apparatus;

a reception step of receiving a signal from the recording apparatus after the predetermined command is issued in said command issuing step;

a determination step of determining whether or not the signal received in said reception step is a response to the predetermined command in a case that said reception step receives the signal while waiting for the response to the predetermined command issued by said command issuing step; and

a control step of discarding the signal and ~~controlling an issuing timing~~ inhibiting issuance, for a predetermined time period, of a next command following the predetermined command to the recording apparatus while waiting for the response to the predetermined command, in a case where it is determined in said determination step that the signal is not the response to the predetermined command.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 32 ~~32~~ 31, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

34. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 32 ~~32~~ 31, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time it is determined in said determination step

that the command other than the response corresponding to the predetermined command has been received prior to a reception of the response in said reception step.

35. (Currently Amended) A control method of a recording apparatus used in a recording system in which an image supply device and the recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, wherein the image supply device discards a signal received other than a response from the recording apparatus while waiting for the response from the recording apparatus, the method comprising:

- a command issuing step of issuing a predetermined command to the image supply device;

- a reception step of receiving a signal from the image supply device after the predetermined command is issued in said command issuing step;

- a determination step of determining whether or not the signal received in said reception step is a command other than a response to the predetermined command, in a case that said reception step receives the signal while waiting for the response to the predetermined command issued by said command issuing step; and

- a control step of ~~preferentially~~ giving priority to processing the command received from the image supply device, sending a response to the command to the image supply device after completion of the processing of the command, and controlling ~~an issuing a~~ timing of reissuing the predetermined command to the image supply device after sending of the response to the command, in a case where it is determined in said determination step that the signal is the command other than the response.

36. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 35, wherein in said control step, the ~~issuing~~ timing of reissuing the ~~next~~ predetermined command is delayed by a predetermined time period.

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 36, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

38. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 36, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time it is determined in said determination step that the command other than the response corresponding to the predetermined command has been received prior to a reception of the response in said reception step.

39 - 43. (Cancelled)